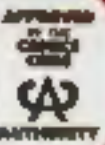




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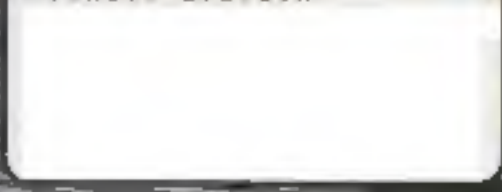
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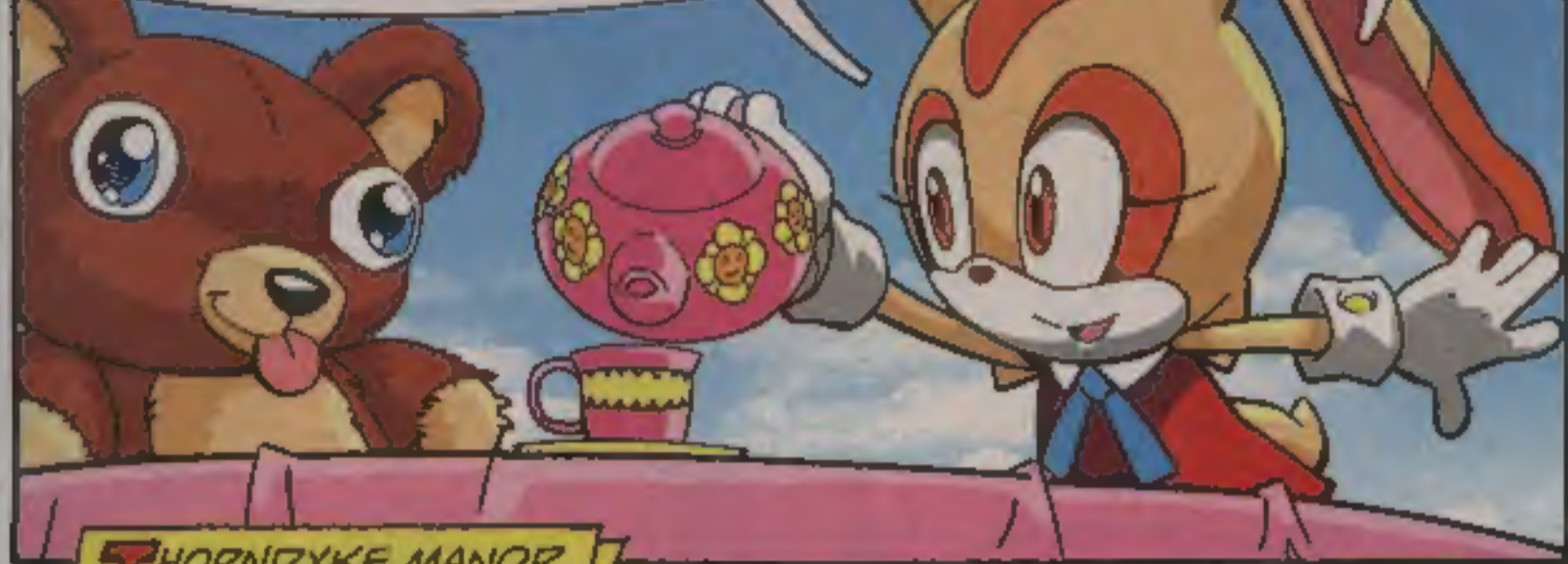


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AND SO YOU SEE, MR. BEAR, ONE OF DR. EGGMAN'S DEVICES TRANSPORTED US TO EARTH. NOW MR. SONIC AND ALL OF US LIVE WITH THE VERY FRIENDLY THORNDYKE FAMILY.

WE ALL HELP MR. SONIC PROTECT THE WORLD FROM DR. EGGMAN'S DIRTY SCHEMES.



THORNDYKE MANOR.

CHAO-
CHAO!

MORE
TEA, MR.
SONIC?

THANK YOU
FOR BEING SUCH
A GOOD SPORT,
SONIC.

SURE.

NO PROBLEM,
MISS VANILLA, I
PROMISED CREAM
A TEA PARTY ON
A SLOW DAY.

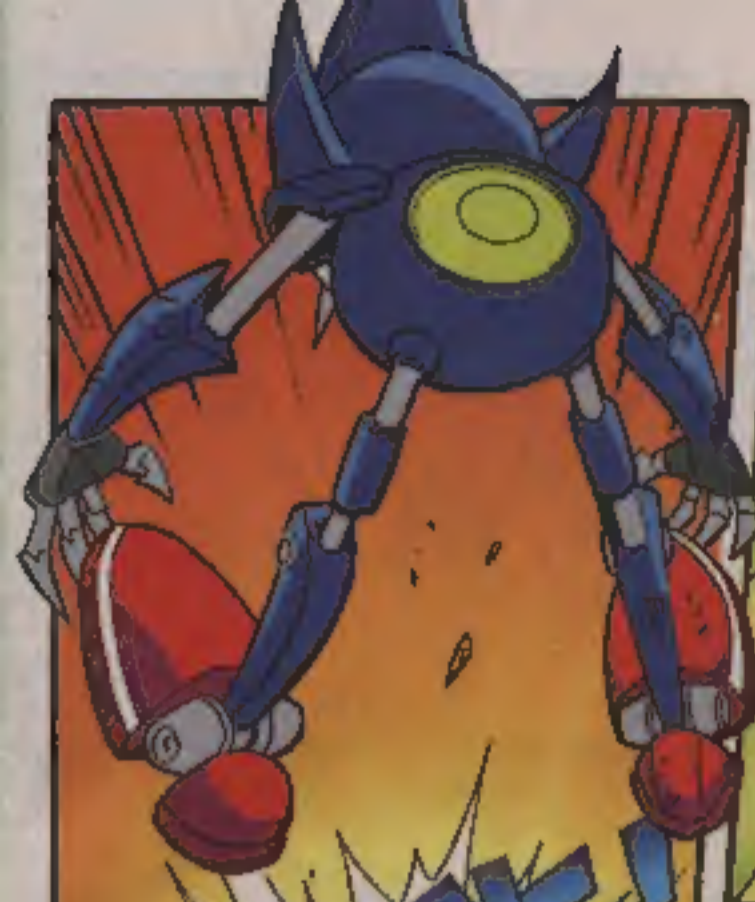


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FWASH!

--CONTROL!





UNDOCUMENTED
ZONE ARRIVAL.

POSTPONE
OBJECTIVES.

LOCATE
RESIDENT
DR.
ROBOTNIK.



CLANG!



BLAST
IT!

HEY,
SHADOW?

WOULD YOU MIND GETTING OFF
THE TABLE?



Ah...
SORRY.





... AND THEN I WAS
STANDING IN THE
MIDDLE OF YOUR
TEA PARTY!

HUH,
OKAY, THAT
MAKES
SENSE.



I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE
FROM A DIFFERENT "ZONE"...

... BUT OUR HOME WORLD
IS DIFFERENT ENOUGH,
IN THE CASE OF THIS
WORLD, YOU'RE SUP-
POSED TO BE DEAD.



NEVER MIND THAT. COME
ON! I'LL GIVE YOU THE
GRAND TOUR!

BUT,
METAL
SONIC...

TROUBLE
WILL FIND
US, TRUST
ME!



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LIKE THE CHAOTIX
DETECTIVE AGENCY, DO
YOU HAVE CHAOTIX IN
YOUR WORLD?

YES, BUT
THEY AREN'T
EXACTLY
DETECTIVES...

YO,
VECTOR!



HEY, SONIC! IS THAT
SHADOW WITH YOU?

YEAH!


ISN'T HE
DEAD?

LONG
STORY.
HE'S
BETTER
NOW.

COOL!

WHAT
HAPPENED
HERE?


HUH? OH! A SHADY ORGANIZATION
TURNED VECTOR INTO A FORTY-FOOT
MONSTER AND HE GREW THROUGH
THE ROOF!



YOU'RE DOING THE RE-
BUILDING YOURSELVES?

YEAH. COULDN'T
AFFORD THE
PROFESSIONALS.

WEE!
HAMMER
HAMMER
HAMMER!



YOU
GUYS BE
SAFE!
I'LL SEE
YOU
LATER!

STATION SQUARE
ELEMENTARY.



THERE'S SOMEBODY WHO'S GOING
TO BE EXCITED TO SEE YOU.

BUT I'M NOT FROM
YOUR WORLD.

DOESN'T
MATTER.

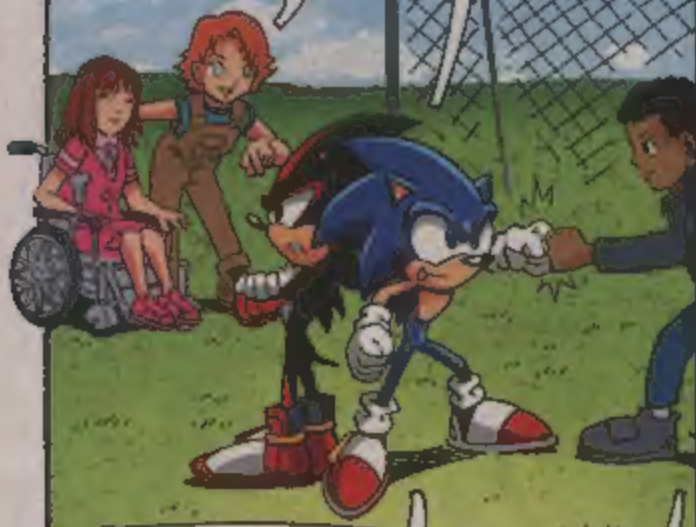
SONIC!



HEY, AREN'T YOU SHADOW?

WELL, YES, BUT...

HELLO. MY
NAME IS FRANCIS,
AND THIS IS
HELEN.



YO, DANNY! YOU
STILL COMING OVER
THIS WEEKEND FOR
SOME HOOPS, RIGHT?

I
WOULDN'T
MISS IT!

HEY, CHRIS!
LOOK WHO
IT IS!

SHADOW...?

SHADOW--!





EGGMAN'S
TOWER...

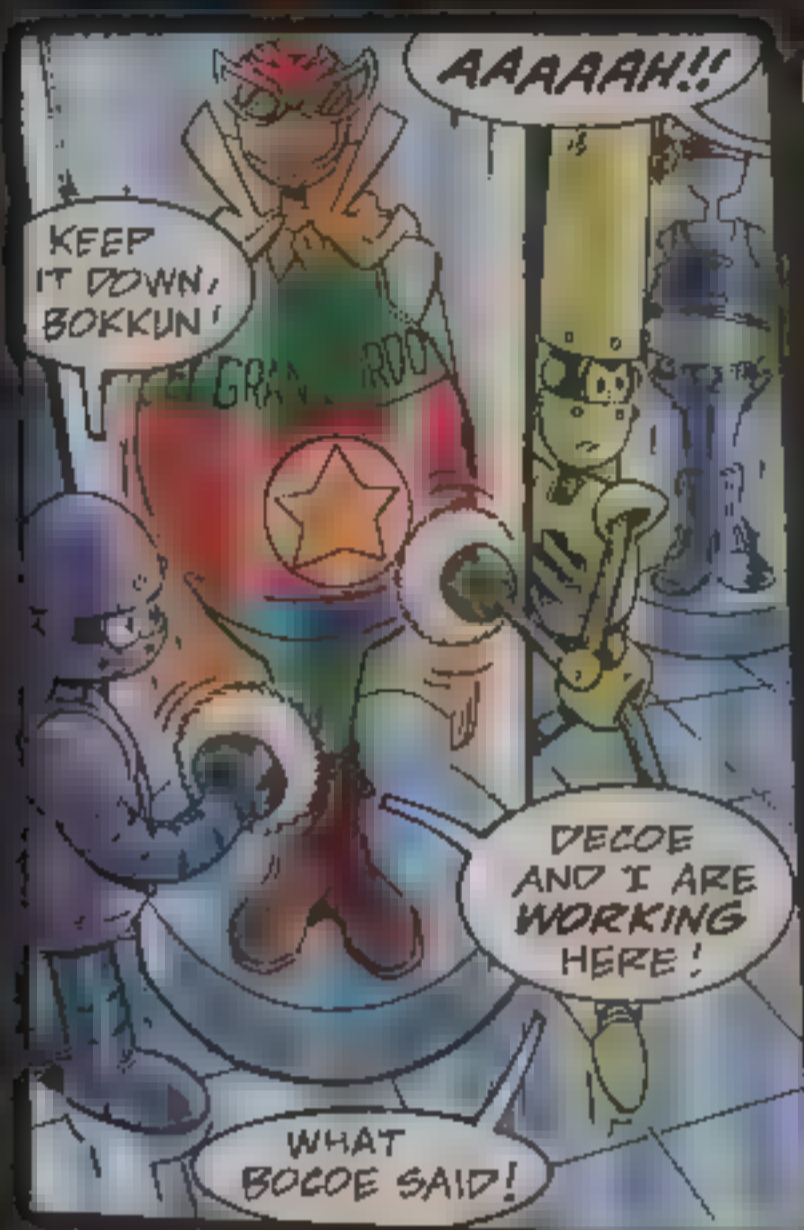
KNOCK!
KNOCK!

KNOCK!
KNOCK!

I'M COMIN'!
I'M COMIN'!
SHEESH!

UNLESS YOU'RE
SELLING COOKIES,
YOU CAN...
CAN...

AAAAAAAAAH!!

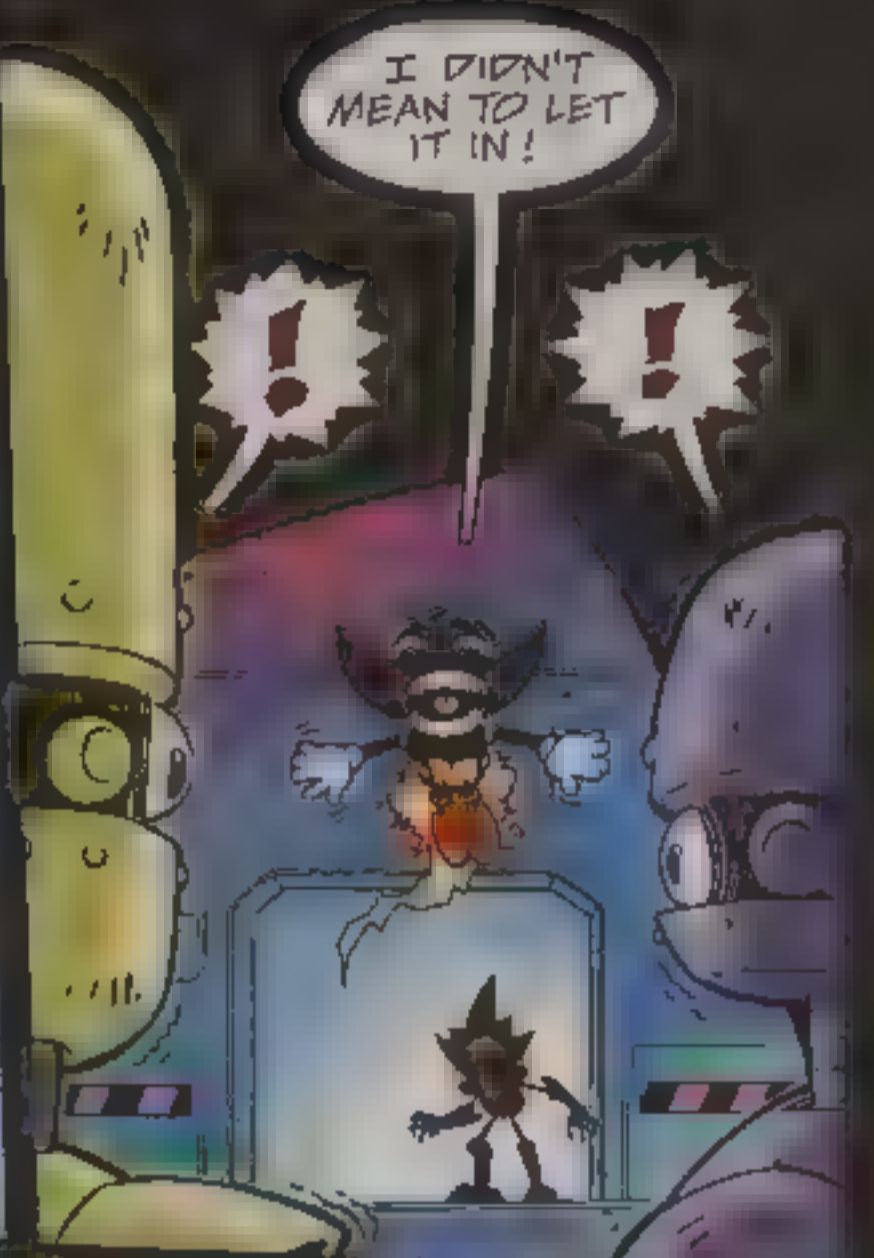


KEEP IT DOWN, BOKKUN!

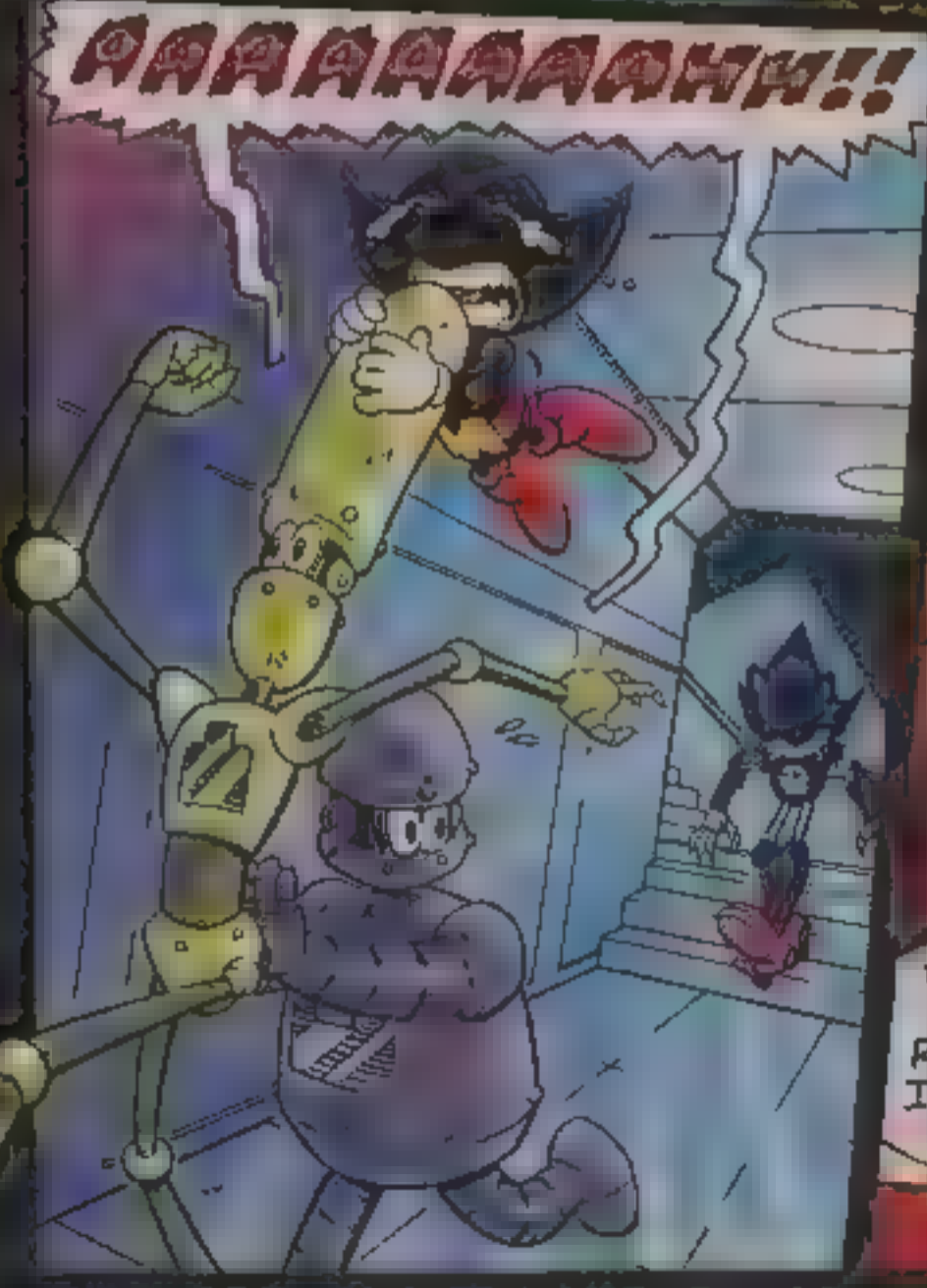
AAAAAH!!

DECOE AND I ARE WORKING HERE!

WHAT BOCOE SAID!



I DIDN'T MEAN TO LET IT IN!



AAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!



WHAT'S THAT RACKET?! I'M SCHEMING IN HERE!

EGAD! A
ROBOT
SONIC!

>> RESIDENT DR.
ROBOTNIK LOCATED.

THIS UNIT
ORIGINATES
FROM THE
PRIME ZONE.
PLEASE PROVIDE
MISSION OBJECTIVES.

WH-WHAT IS IT
TALKING ABOUT,
DR. EGGMAN?

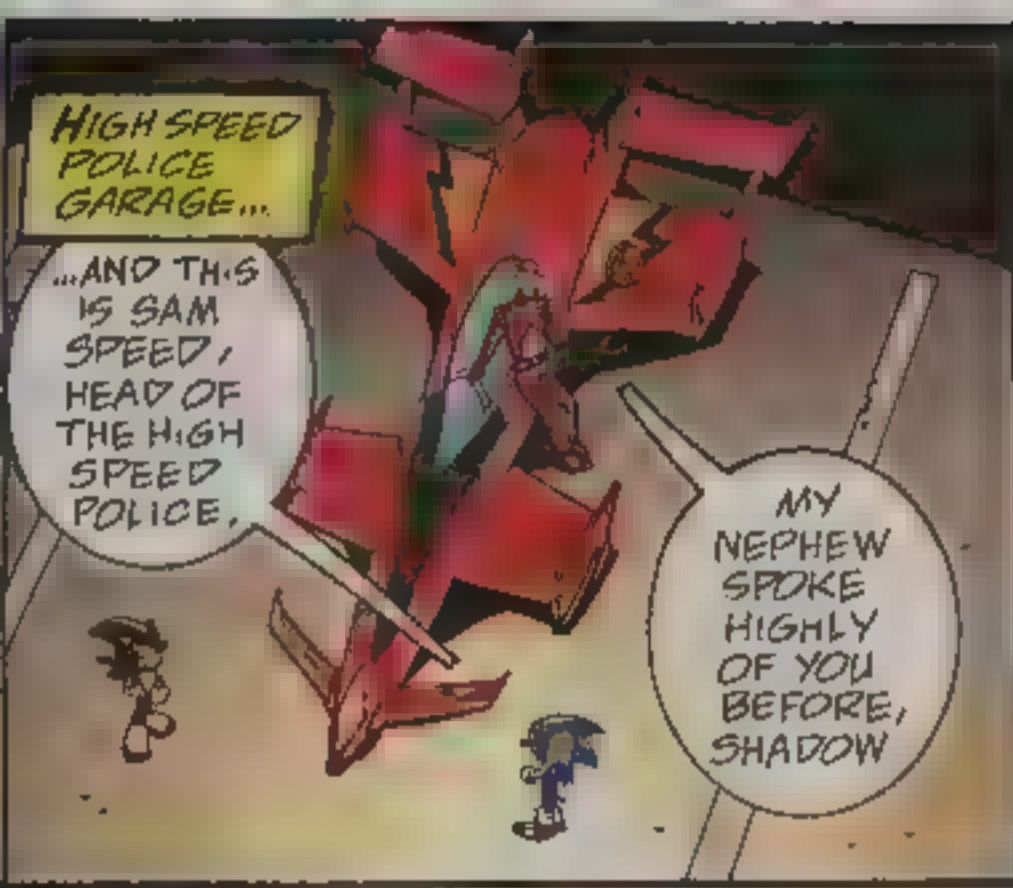
I BELIEVE
THIS "PRIME
ZONE" IT
REFERS TO IS
AN ALTERNATE
REALITY. A
WORLD MUCH
LIKE THIS ONE,
BUT ALSO
DIFFERENT IN
MANY WAYS.

ANOTHER
WORLD
WITH A
ROBOT
SONIC?
THAT'S
PREPOS-
TEROUS!

UNLIKE A WORLD OF
TALKING ANIMALS OR
CREATURES LIKE DR.
EGGMAN?

IMAGINE!
WHOLE
OTHER
WORLDS OF
CANDY!

NO MATTER WHERE IT CAME
FROM, IT'S A KILLER ROBOT.
THIS MIGHT BE JUST WHAT
THE DOCTOR ORDERED!



HIGH SPEED POLICE GARAGE...

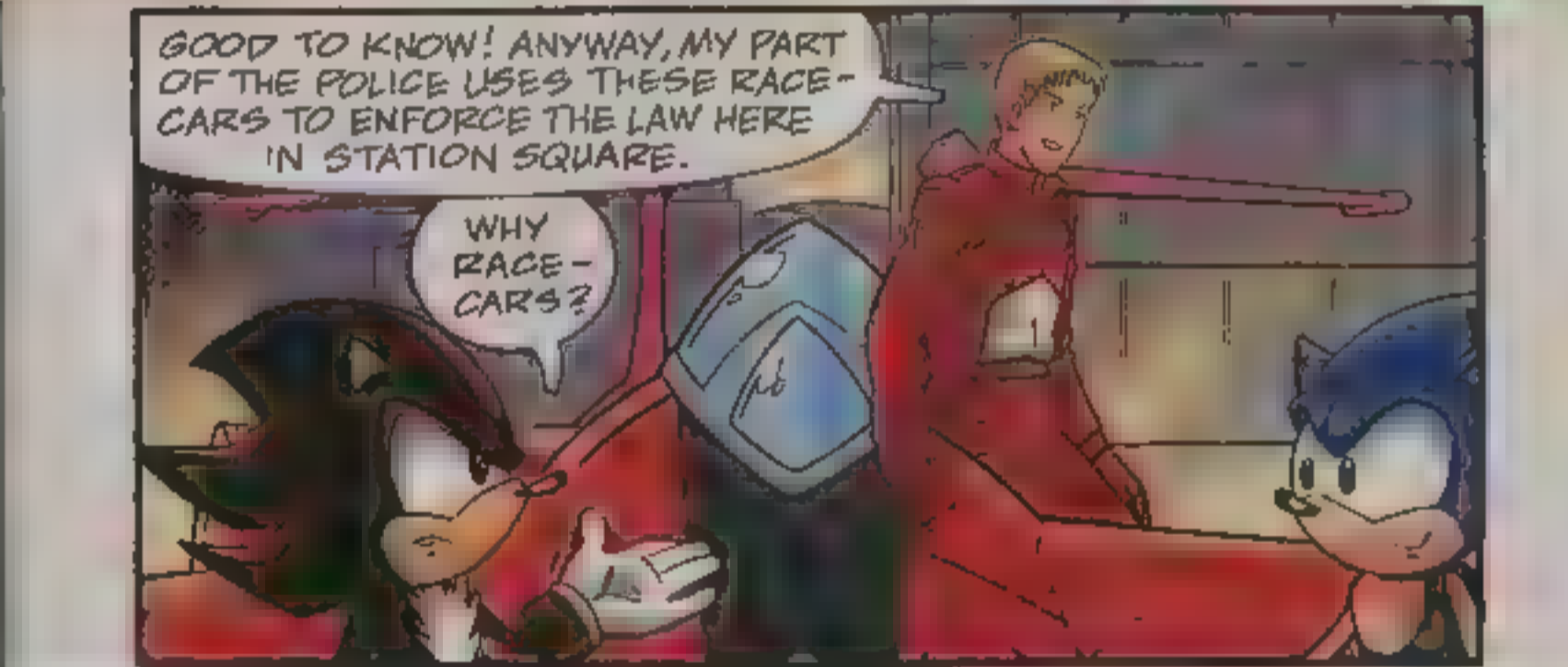
...AND THIS IS SAM SPEED, HEAD OF THE HIGH SPEED POLICE.

MY NEPHEW SPOKE HIGHLY OF YOU BEFORE, SHADOW



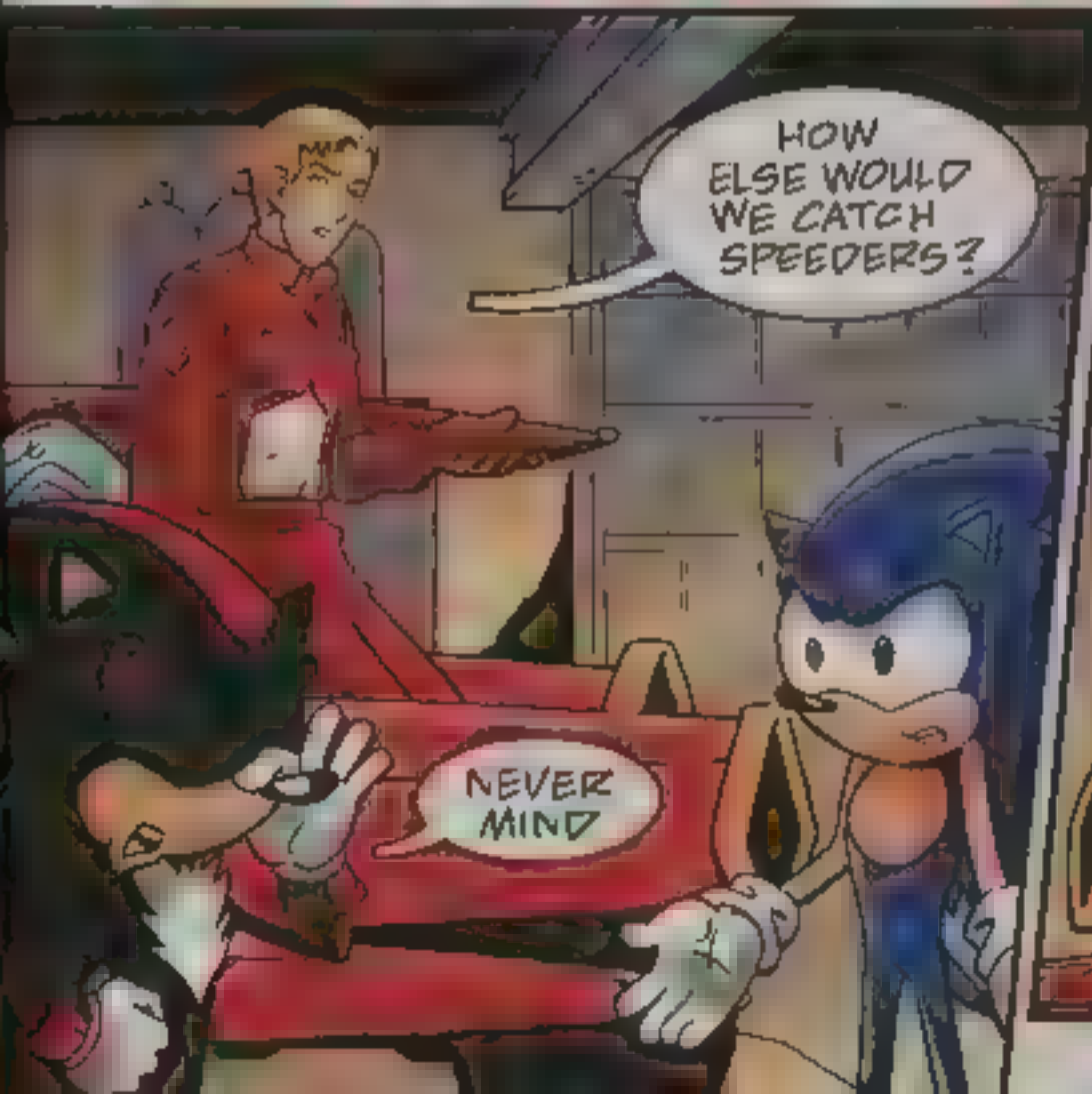
BUT I THOUGHT CHRIS SAID YOU WERE...

NO. I AM NOT DEAD.



GOOD TO KNOW! ANYWAY, MY PART OF THE POLICE USES THESE RACE-CARS TO ENFORCE THE LAW HERE IN STATION SQUARE.

WHY RACE-CARS?

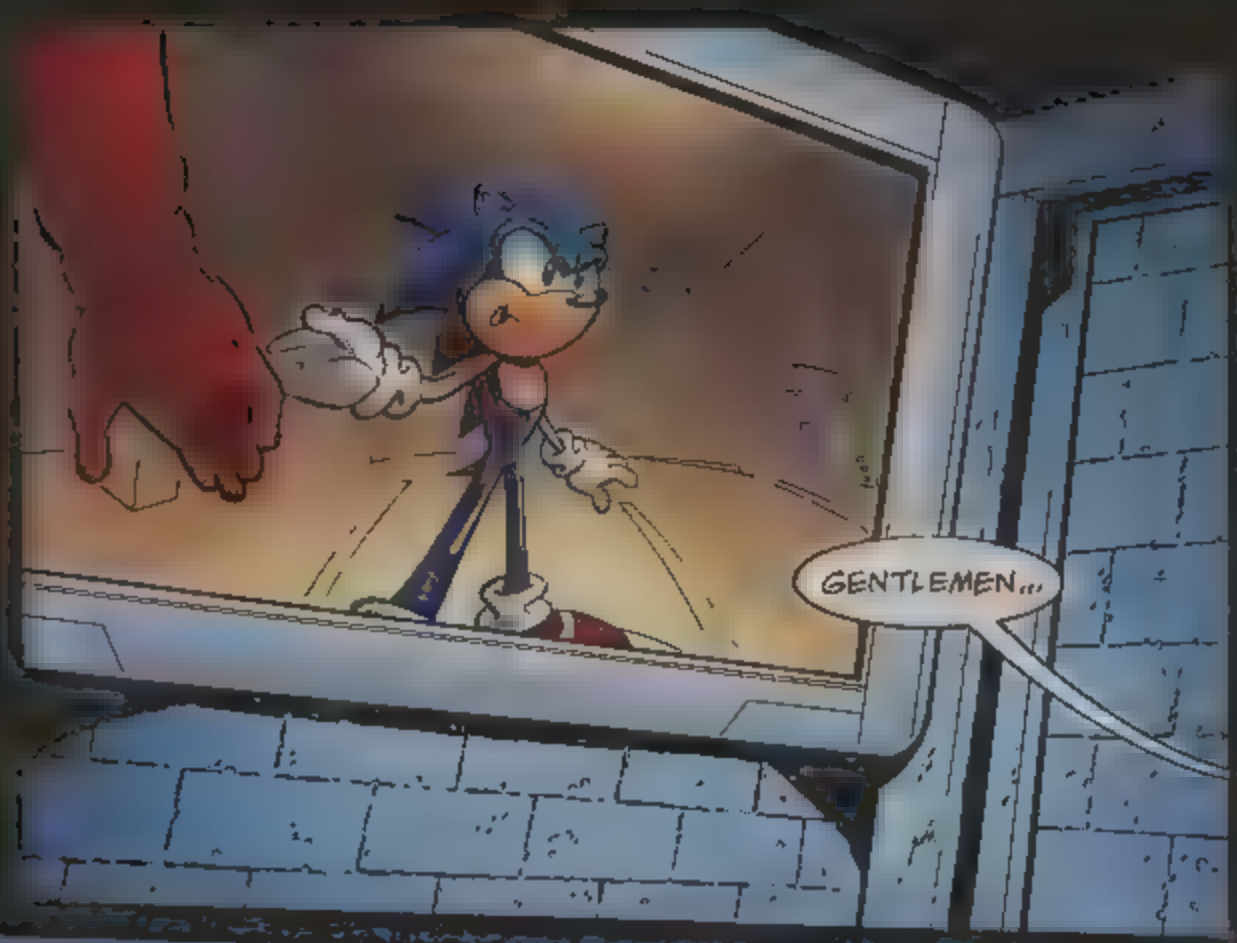


HOW ELSE WOULD WE CATCH SPEEDERS?

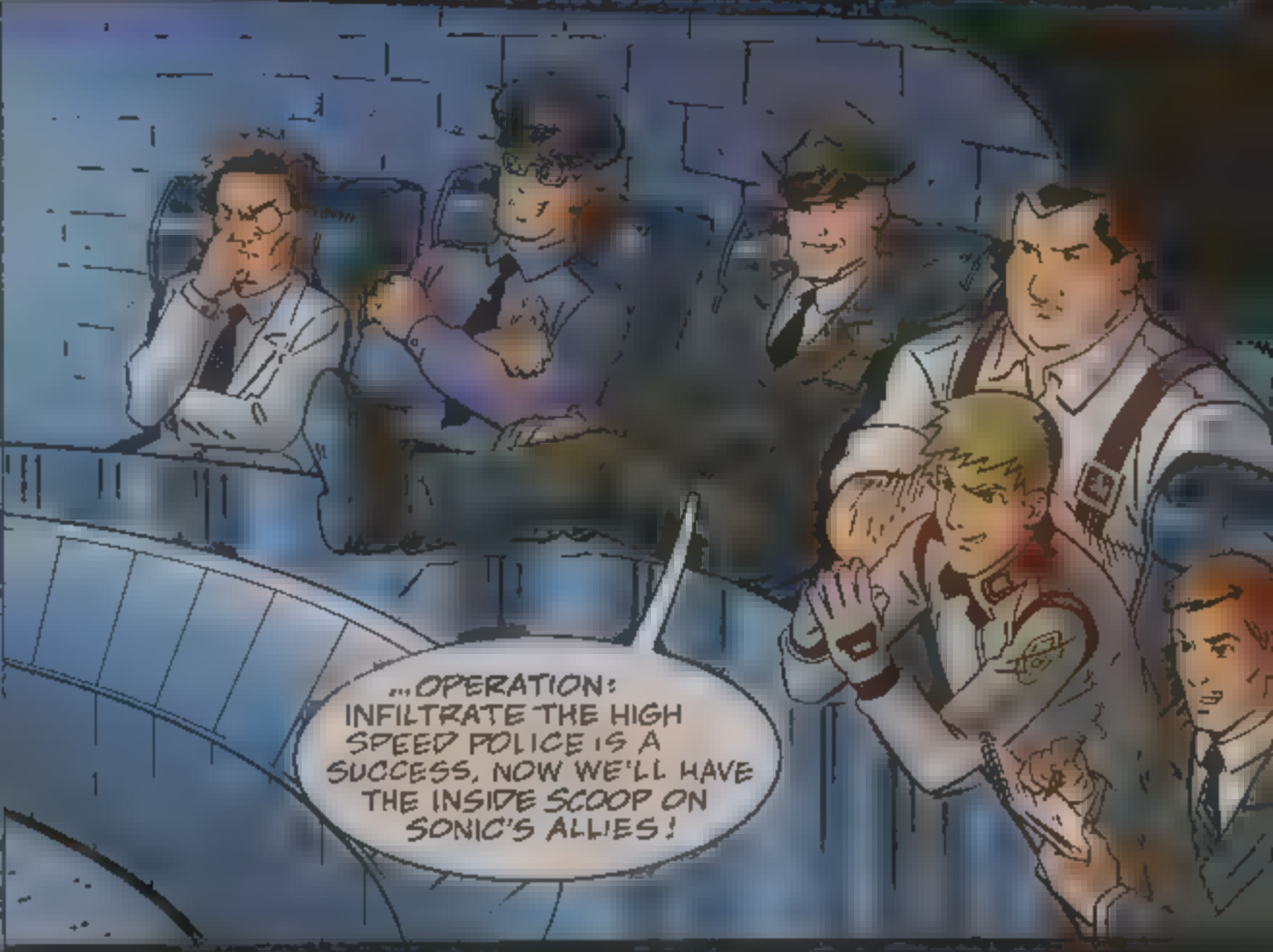
NEVER MIND



VEET!



GENTLEMEN...



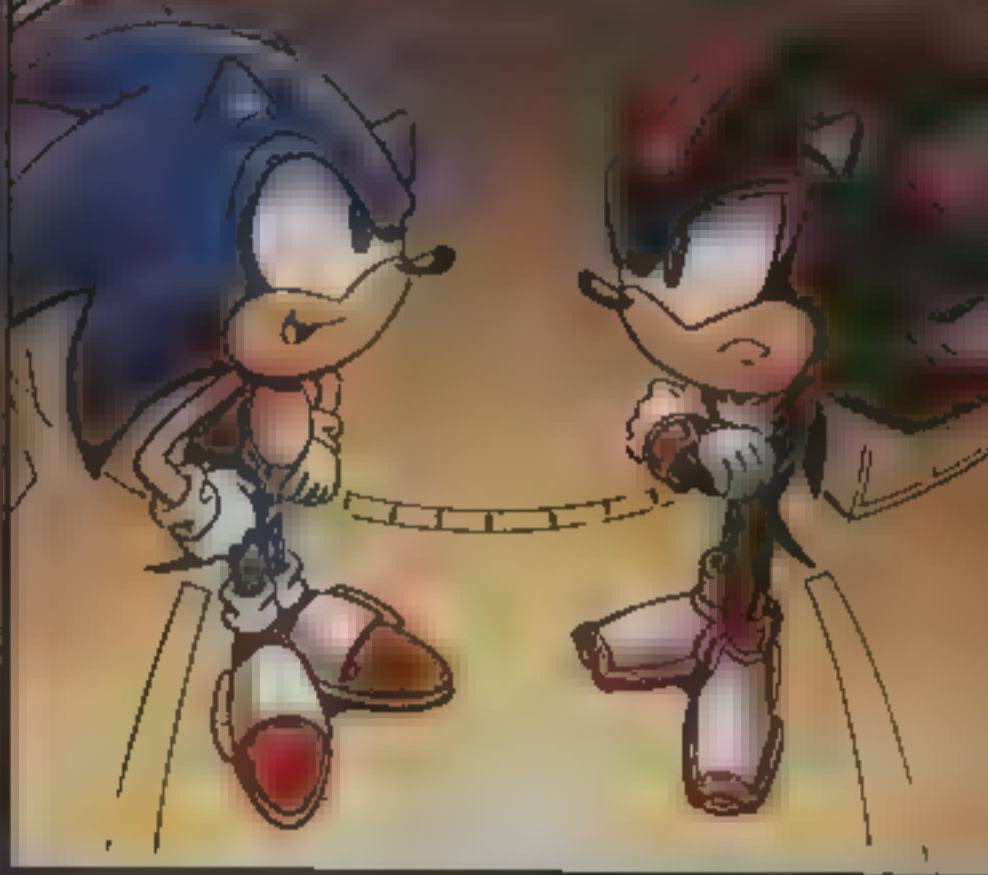
...OPERATION:
INFILTRATE THE HIGH
SPEED POLICE IS A
SUCCESS, NOW WE'LL HAVE
THE INSIDE SCOOP ON
SONIC'S ALLIES!

CONTACT THE ORGANIZER
AND LET HIM KNOW THAT...

GAK!



TH-THAT'S SHADOW
THE HEDGEHOG! HE'S
EVEN WORSE THAN
SONIC!



NO! NO
MORE
MULTI-
COLORED
HEDGE-
HOGS!

SHADOW?!
HE'S
SUPPOSED
TO BE
DEAD!



THAT'S
NO FAIR,
SCRAP THE
PLAN!



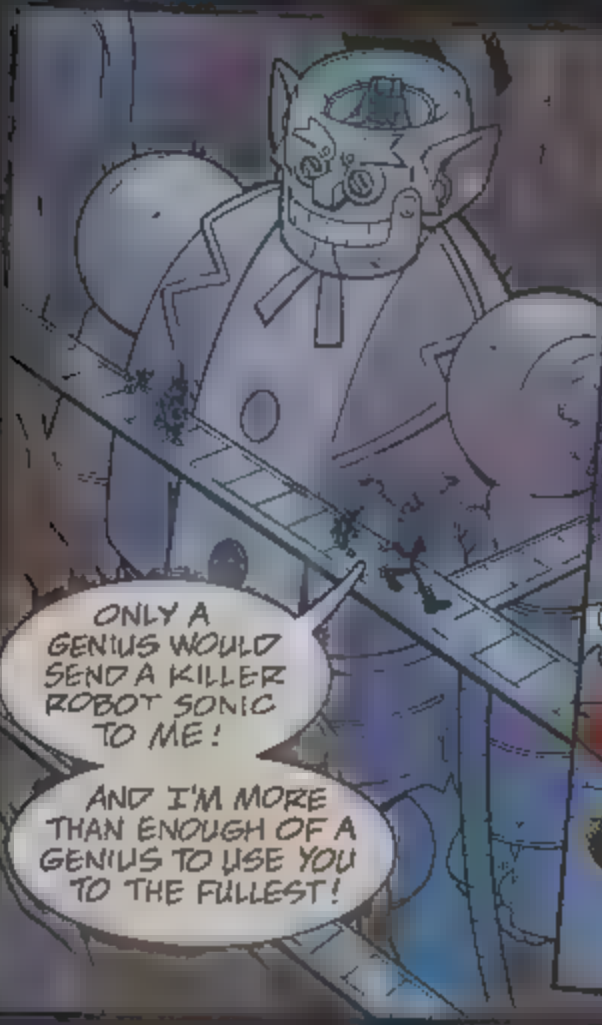
SONIC ALONE
WE COULD HANDLE,
BUT IF THEY HAVE
SHADOW WITH THEM...

EGGMAN'S TOWER.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR FORMER MASTER WAS LIKE, BUT YOU HAVE THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH A TRUE GENIUS!

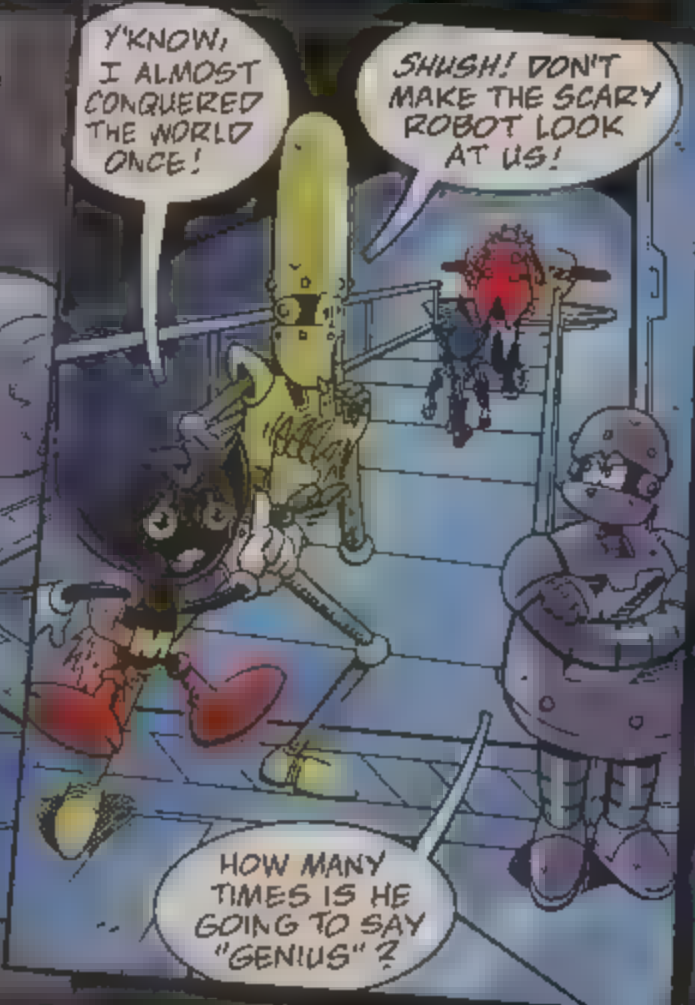
TRUE, I'VE HAD MY SET-BACKS,

BUT WHAT IS SCIENCE WITHOUT TS FITS AND STARTS? A TRUE GENIUS CAN SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE!



ONLY A GENIUS WOULD SEND A KILLER ROBOT SONIC TO ME!

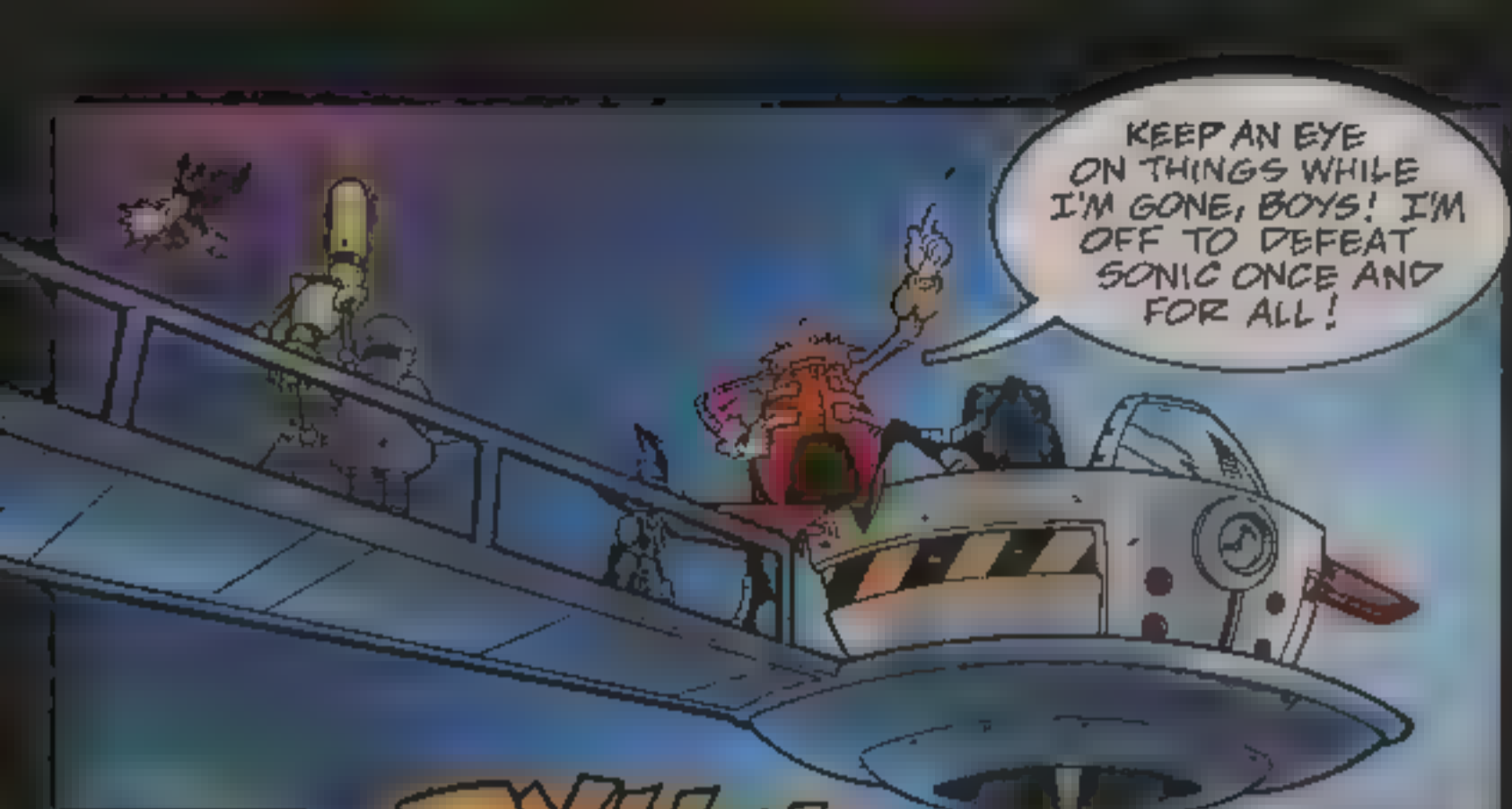
AND I'M MORE THAN ENOUGH OF A GENIUS TO USE YOU TO THE FULLEST!



Y'KNOW, I ALMOST CONQUERED THE WORLD ONCE!

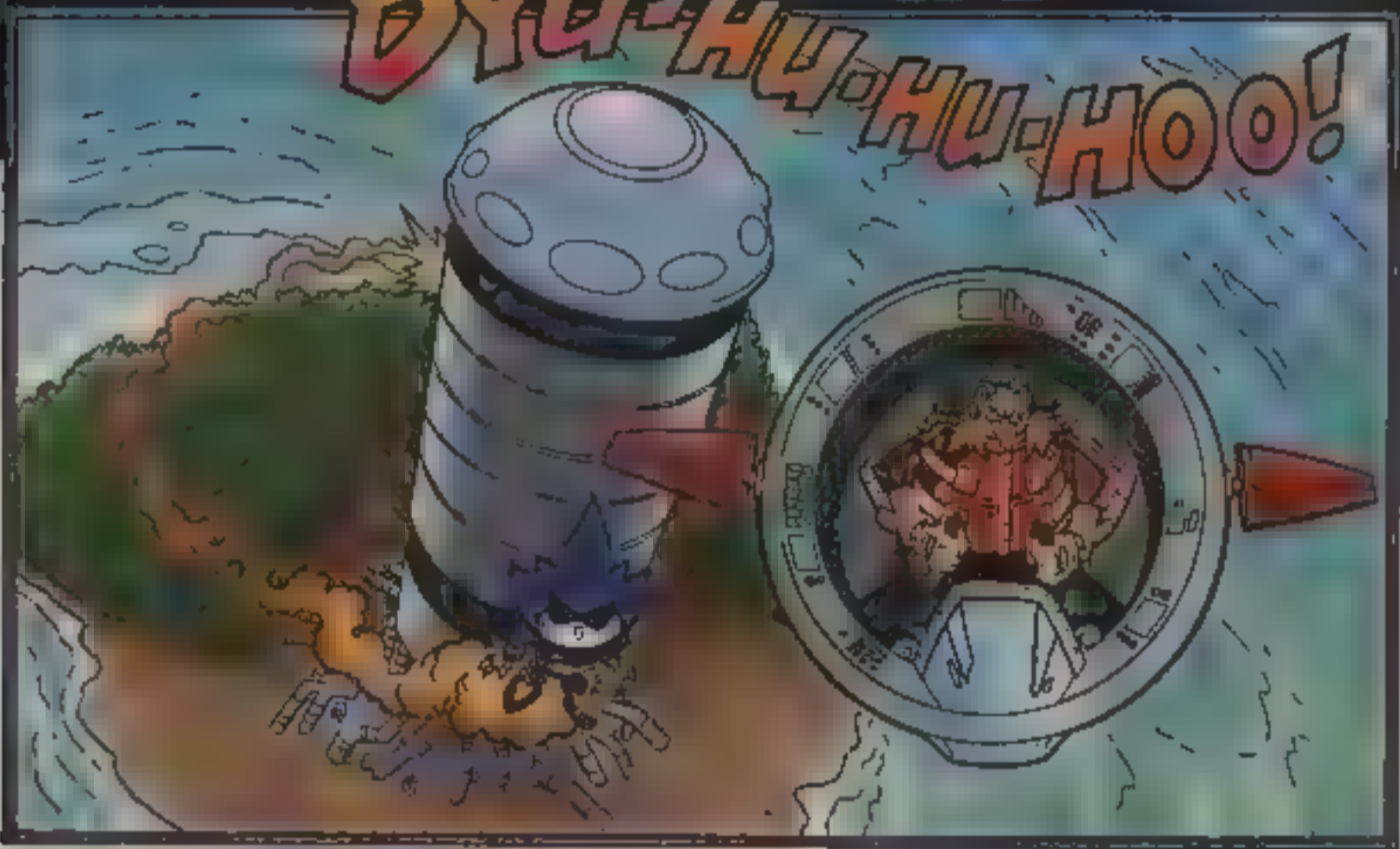
SHUSH! DON'T MAKE THE SCARY ROBOT LOOK AT US!

HOW MANY TIMES IS HE GOING TO SAY "GENIUS"?



KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS WHILE I'M GONE, BOYS! I'M OFF TO DEFEAT SONIC ONCE AND FOR ALL!

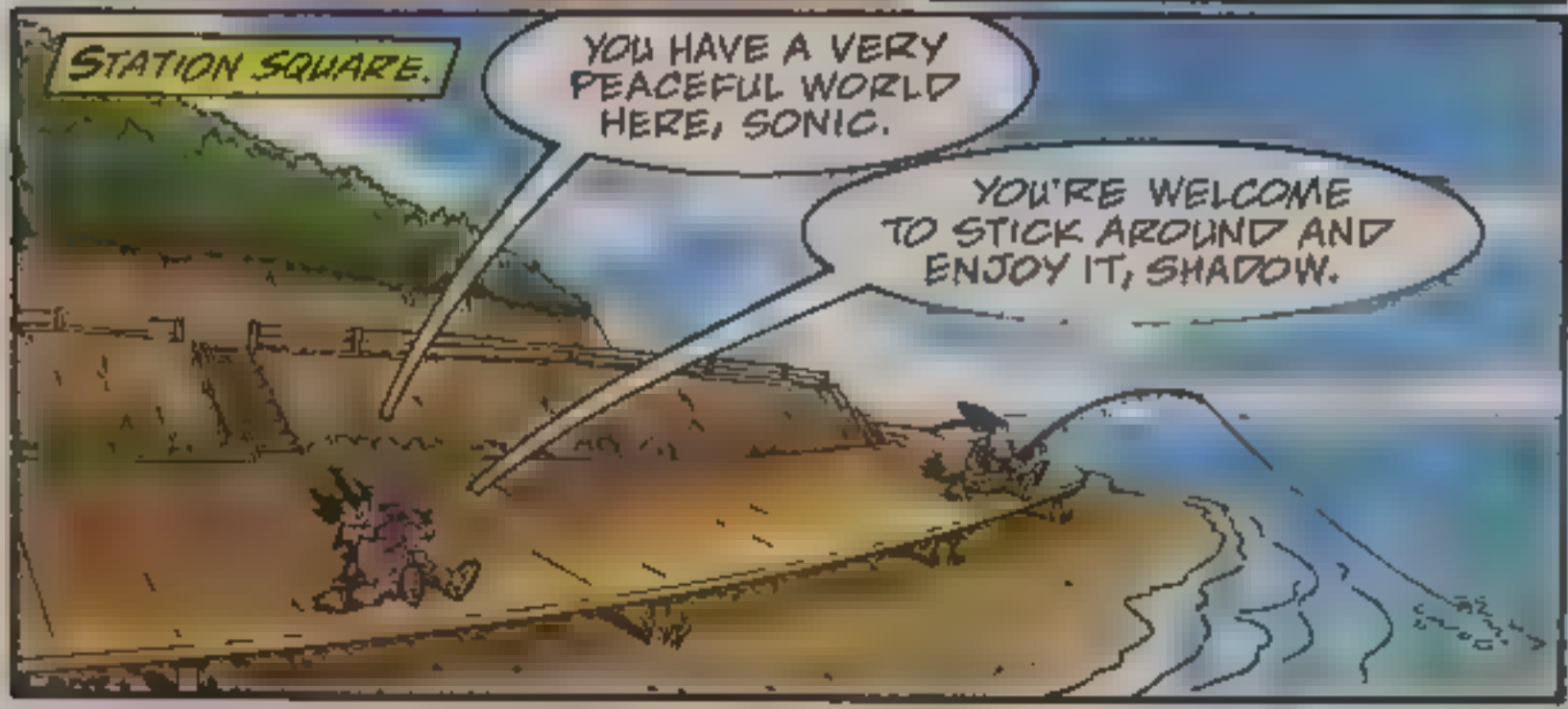
DYU-HU-HU-HOO!




STATION SQUARE.

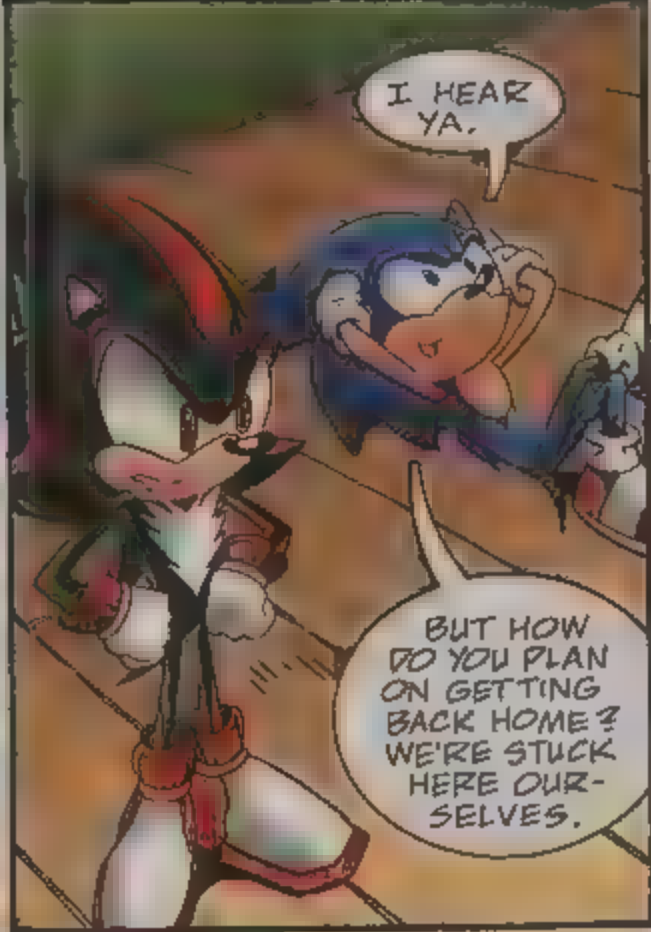
YOU HAVE A VERY PEACEFUL WORLD HERE, SONIC.

YOU'RE WELCOME TO STICK AROUND AND ENJOY IT, SHADOW.



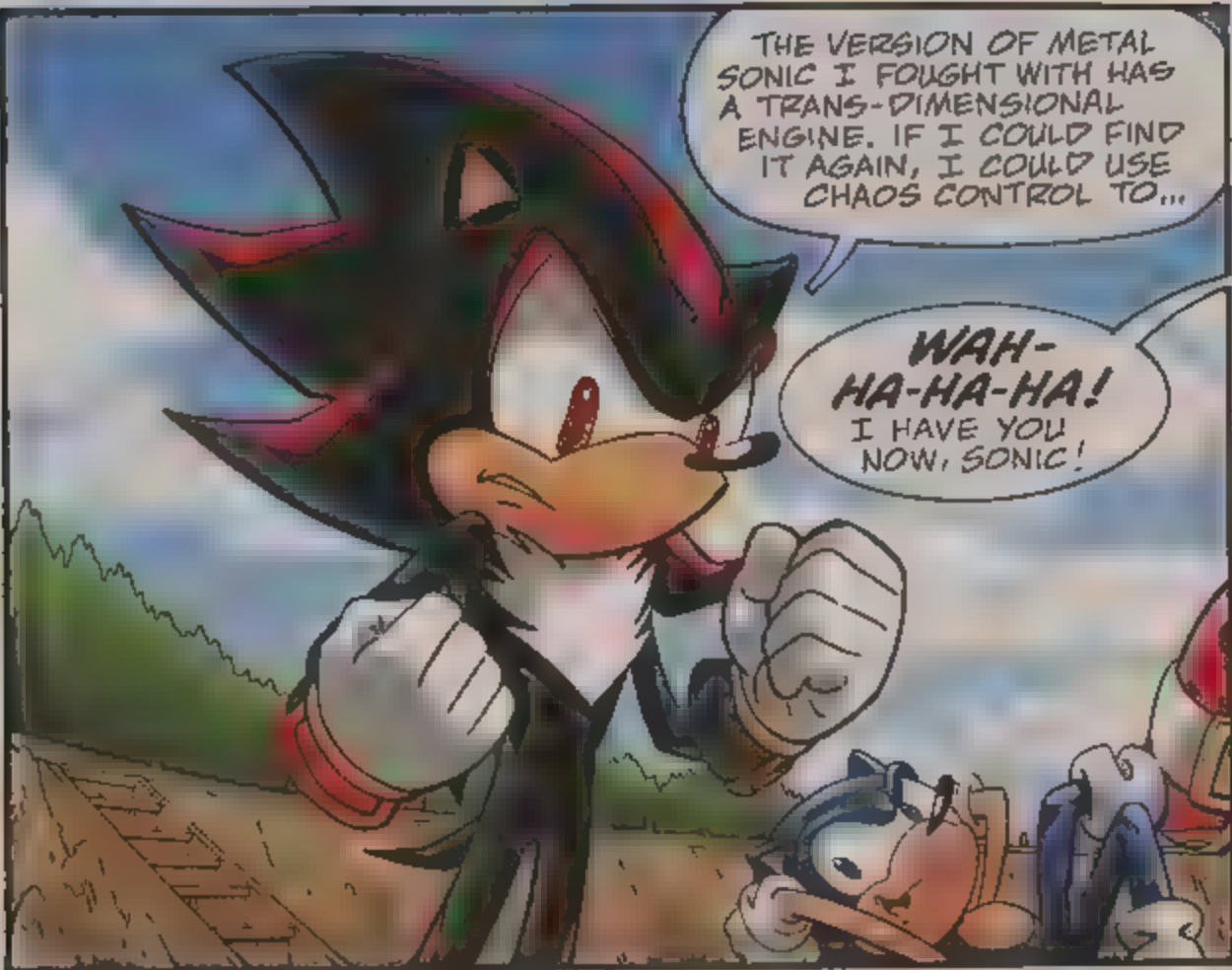


TEMPTING. BUT I WAS CREATED TO PROTECT MY OWN WORLD. I CANNOT REST OR ENJOY ANY PEACE UNTIL I KNOW MY DUTY HAS BEEN FULFILLED.



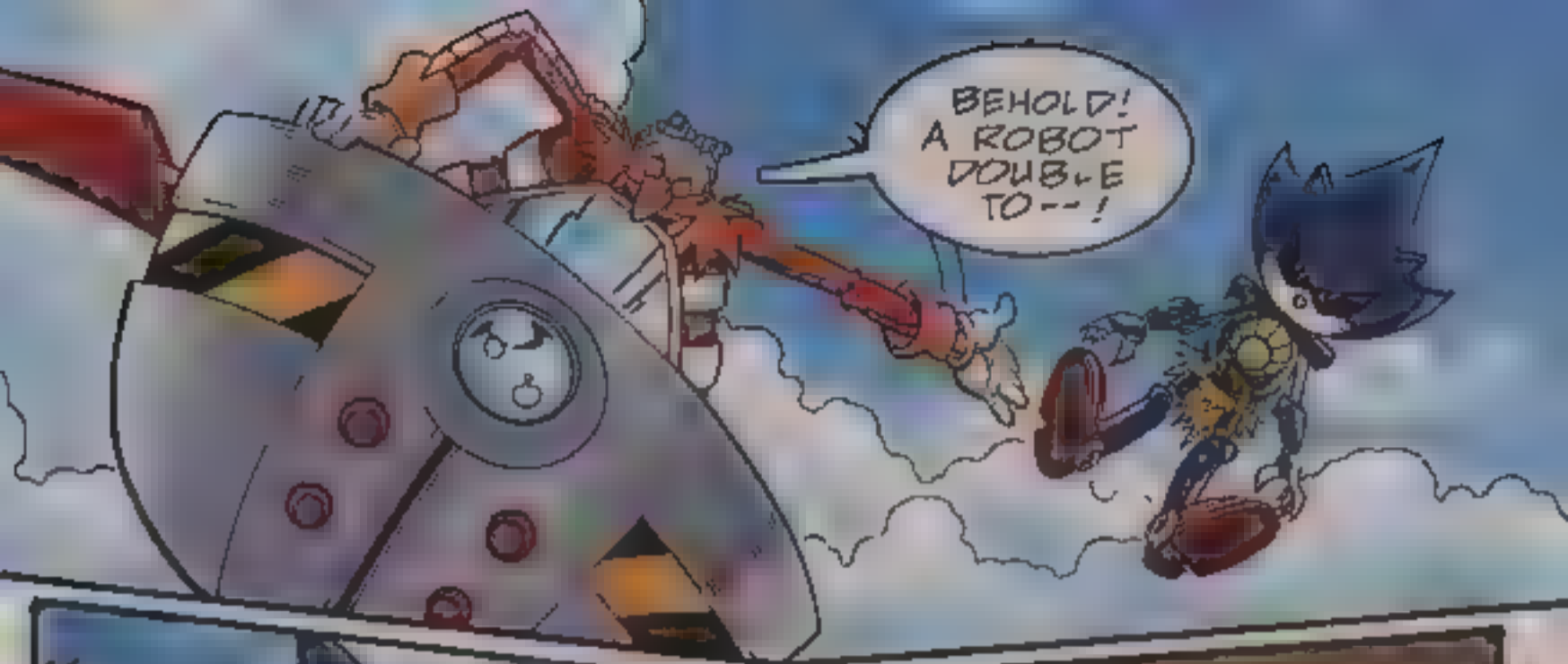
I HEAR YA.

BUT HOW DO YOU PLAN ON GETTING BACK HOME? WE'RE STUCK HERE OURSELVES.

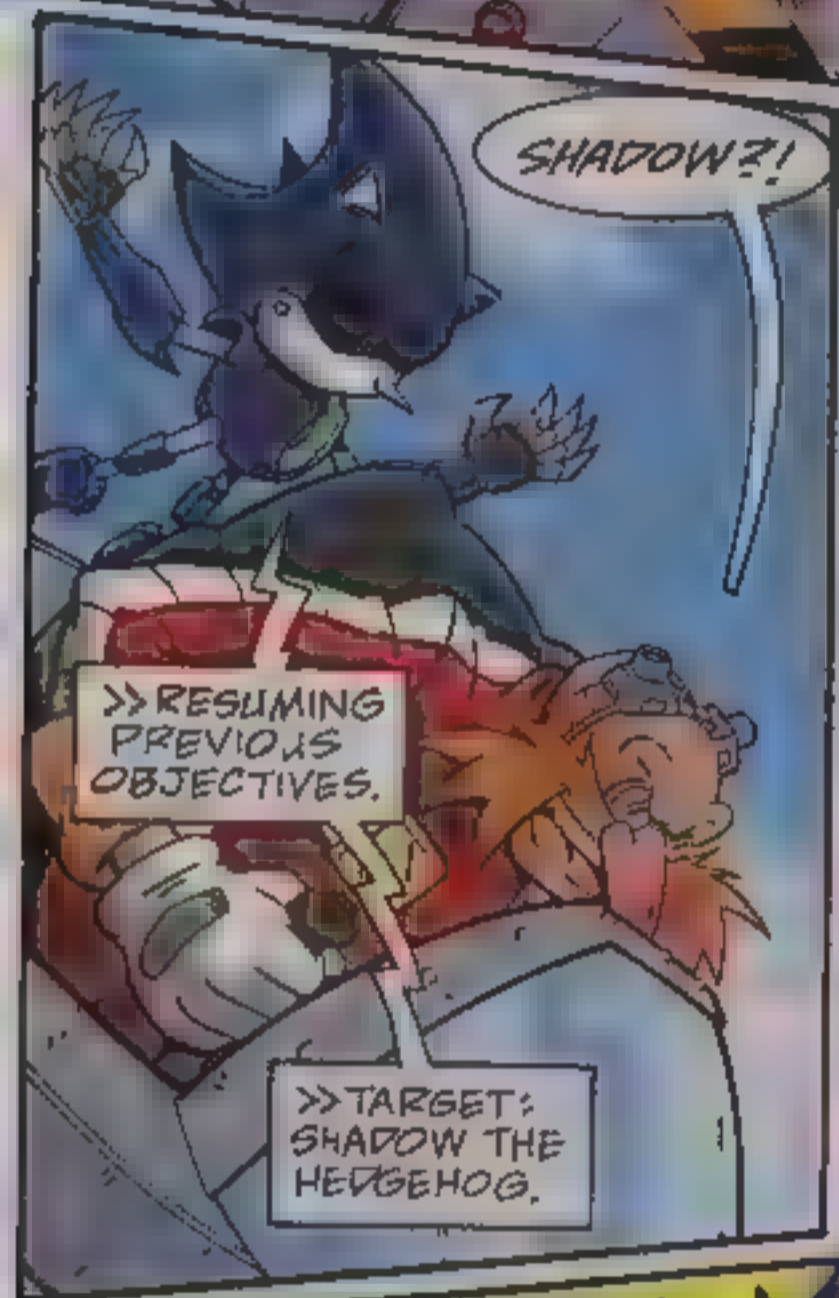


THE VERSION OF METAL SONIC I FOUGHT WITH HAS A TRANS-DIMENSIONAL ENGINE. IF I COULD FIND IT AGAIN, I COULD USE CHAOS CONTROL TO...

WAH-HA-HA-HA!
I HAVE YOU NOW, SONIC!



BEHOLD!
A ROBOT
DOUBLE
TO--!



SHADOW?!

>> RESUMING
PREVIOUS
OBJECTIVES.

>> TARGET:
SHADOW THE
HEDGEHOG.

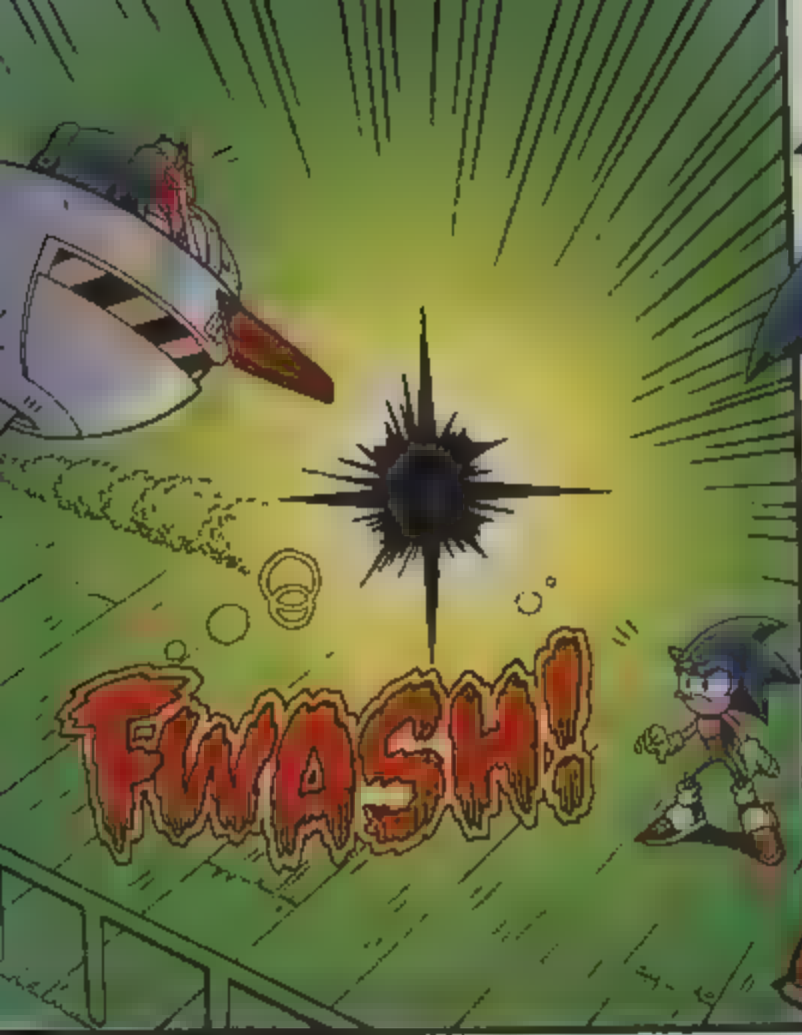


I'VE GOT TO
ADMIT, THAT'S
A NICE
LOOKING
ROBOT!

HERE'S
MY
CHANCE!



CHAOS--!



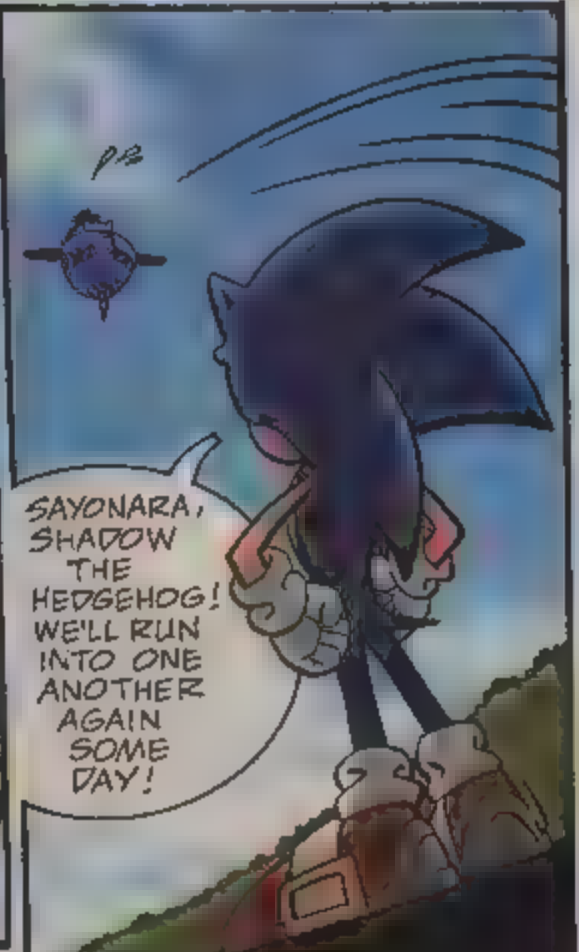
FWASH!



SO... WHERE WERE WE?



Erm--HA-HA-HA!
JUST KIDDING!
I'LL--um--SEE
YOU AROUND,
SONIC!



SAYONARA,
SHADOW
THE
HEDGEHOG!
WE'LL RUN
INTO ONE
ANOTHER
AGAIN
SOME
DAY!

EGGMAN'S TOWER.

SLAM!

DOCTOR!
WHAT'S
WRONG?!

IT COULDN'T BE--!

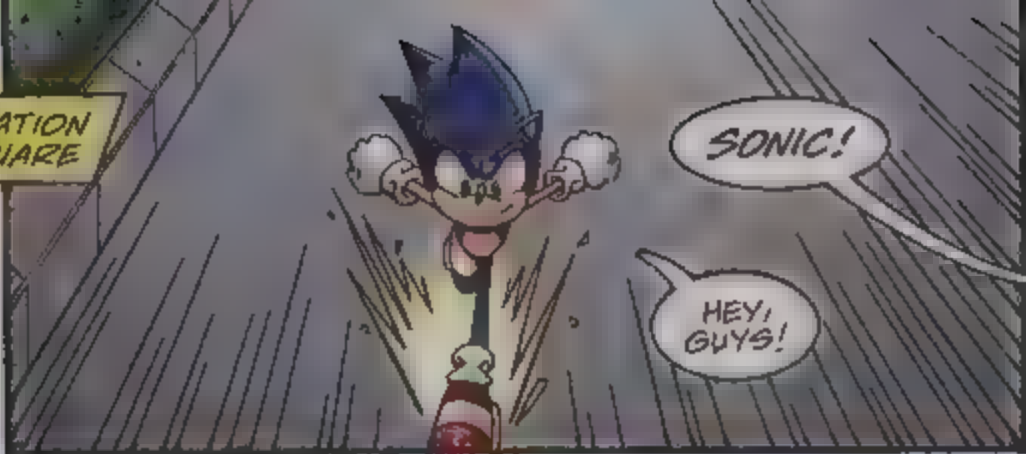
WHAT HAPPENED TO
THE SCARY ROBOT?

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

I WAS
THERE! I
RESCUED
HIM MY-
SELF!

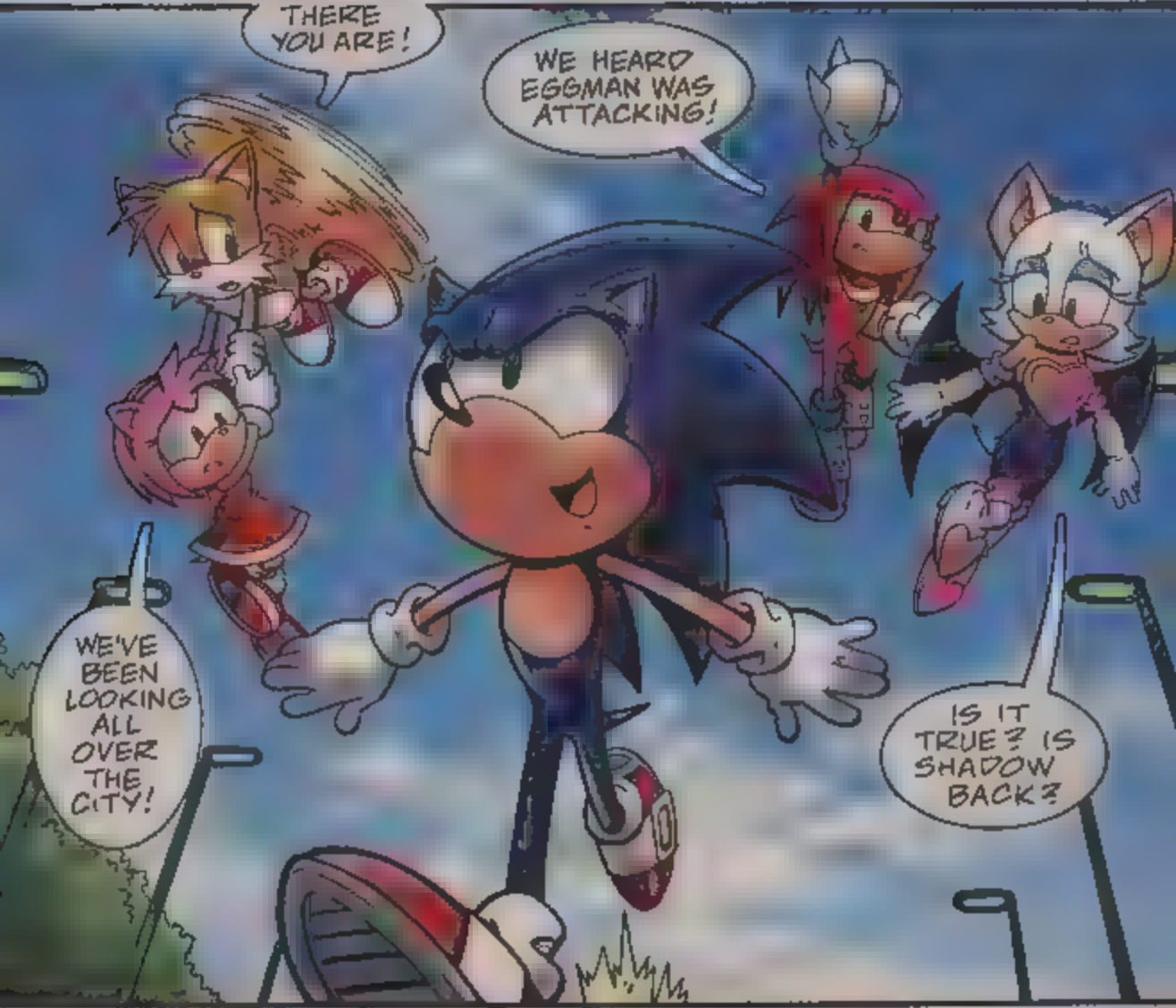
YOU'RE STILL
HERE... THEN
WHAT DID I
SEE OUT
THERE?

STATION SQUARE



SONIC!

HEY, GUYS!

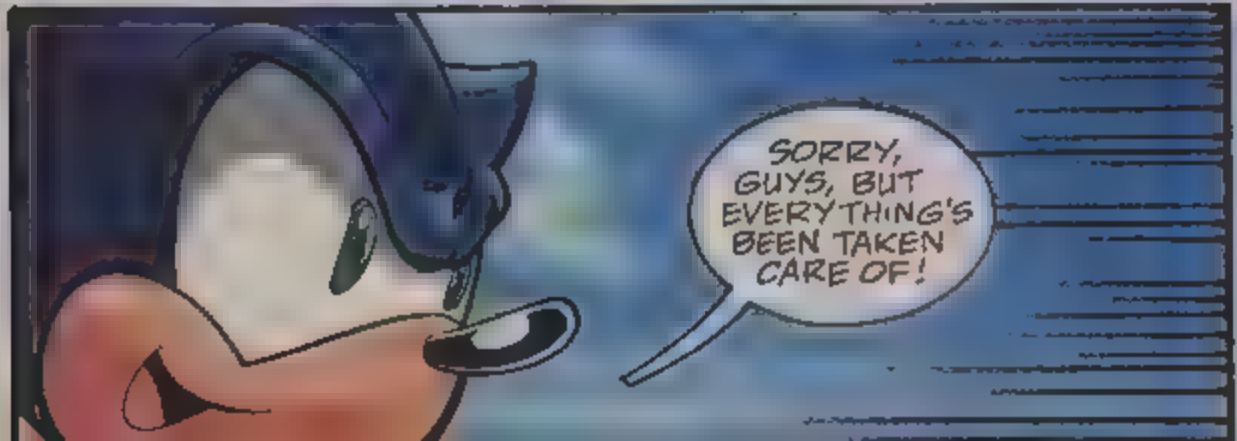


THERE YOU ARE!

WE HEARD EGGMAN WAS ATTACKING!

WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER THE CITY!

IS IT TRUE? IS SHADOW BACK?



SORRY, GUYS, BUT EVERYTHING'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF!



WELCOME HOME, EVERYONE.

I HEAR YOU HAD A BUSY DAY TODAY!

THANKS, MR. TANAKA, ELLA! IT'S BEEN INTERESTING!



NO SHADOW? I'M SORRY, ROUGE.

IF HE CAN'T STICK AROUND TO SAY "HELLO" TO ME, THEN WHO NEEDS HIM?



JUST SO LONG AS YOU'RE ALL HOME SAFE AND SOUND!

HOME? YEAH, I GUESS THIS IS HOME NOW.

YOU BET!



HE'S GONE AGAIN, ISN'T HE?

YEAH, ON TO ANOTHER ADVENTURE! AND COME TOMORROW, SO WILL WE!

YEAH!

THE END!



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